

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are allowed. Prosecution on the merits has been closed; and the Examiner requires amendments to the Abstract and to the claims.

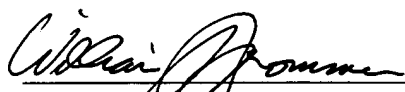
By this amendment, the Abstract and the claims are amended to delete therefrom the reference numerals, to which the Examiner objected.

Accordingly, it is believed all of the Examiner's objections have been addressed and satisfied; and this application is in condition for allowance.

This is in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, set out in the Office Action under reply. To the extent the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the cited prior art because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicant's attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicant's contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be construed as a surrender by Applicant of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicant, by his attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

An early Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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